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1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT MAKARIOS GAVE INTERVIEW JULY 13 (SUNDAY) TO "IL TEMPO" CORRESPONDENT IN WHICH HE DISCUSSED VIENNA III, U. S. ARMS SALES TO TURKEY, HIS ATTITUDE ON TURK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY AND WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM ARAB TERRITORY. IN WHAT COULD BE SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE FROM PAST LINE MAKARIOS DECLARED THAT TURK CYPRIOTS CAN LIVE SEPARATELY IF THEY SO WISH, THAT SEPARATIST SOLUTION, WHILE NOT BENEFITTING TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY, WOULD NOT BE OPPOSED BY GREEK
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CYPRIOTS. END SUMMARY.

2. VIENNA III. MAKARIOS REITERATED HIS DOUBT THAT ANYTHING CONSTRUCTIVE WILL COME FROM THIRD PHASE CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS IN VIENNA. HE ALLEGED TURKISH CYPRIOTS WANT SPIN OUT SITUATION "WITHOUT ANY INTENTION TO CARRY OUT MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS." IN MEANTIME TURKS ARE CONSOLIDATING POSITION ON ISLAND. MAKARIOS FURTHER STATED: "I AM NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THEIR OUTCOME BECAUSE, AS I AM CERTAIN, THE TURKISH SIDE WILL AGAIN SAY IT IS NOT READY TO SUBMIT ANY INTEGRATED PLAN AS TO THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM. AS A RESULT OF THIS TURKISH DELAYING TACTIC THERE WILL BE NEITHER A BREAKTHROUGH NOR A BREAKDOWN. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY WHAT THE NEXT STEP WILL BE IN THE EVENT OF THE TALKS BREAKING DOWN OR REACHING A DEADLOCK. THE ONLY COURSE WE HAVE IN SUCH A CASE IS TO APPLY AGAIN TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL."

3. U. S. ARMS TO TURKEY: MAKARIOS STATED THAT "IT IS MY VIEW THAT RESUMPTION OF AMERICAN MILITARY AID (SIC) TO TURKEY WOULD BE A SERIOUS MISTAKETHE BAN ON MILITARY AID IS ONE OF THE PRACTICAL MEASURES WHICH WILL MAKE TURKEY MORE REASONABLE."

4. TURK CYPRIOTS: IN INTERVIEW'S MOST SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT, MAKARIOS SAID GOC HAS MADE PROPOSALS TO TURK CYPRIOTS FOR MULTIREGIONAL FEDERATION IN WHICH AREAS UNDER TURK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE PROPORTIONATE TO NUMERICAL STRENGTH TURKISH COMMUNITY. HE ADDED THAT UNDER SUCH SOLUTION TURK CYPRIOTS "CAN LIVE SEPARATELY... THEY CAN MOVE FROM ONE AREA TO SETTLE IN ANOTHER BUT THEY DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO OCCUPY GREEK CYPRIOT HOMES AND PROPERTIES, UPROOTING THEIR OWNERS BY FORCE. I DO NOT THINK THAT THIS SEPARATIST SOLUTION WILL BE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY, BUT I AM NOT OPPOSED TO THIS KIND OF 'DIVORCE'". COMMENT: EMBASSY CONCURS WITH RELIABLE LOCAL SOURCES THAT FOREGOING STATEMENT MAY PRESAGE POLICY SHIFT IN WHICH MAKARIOS EVENTUALLY AGREES TO LETTING REMAINING TURKS IN SOUTH MIGRATE NORTH IF THEY WISH TO DO SO. END COMMENT.

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5. MAKARIOS COMMENTED THAT KARAMANLIS-DEMIREL TALKS IN BRUSSELS "CONTRIBUTED TO THE EASING OF TENSION OVER THE AEGEAN DISPUTE AND OTHER DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE UNITED STATES HAS PLAYED IN THIS CASE A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT THESE TALKS AND LOWERING THE TEMPERATURE, AT A MOMENT WHEN THE SITUATION APPEARED TO BE VERY EXPLOSIVE." COMMENT: THESE LATTER STATEMENTS, WHICH FIRST POSITIVE

COMMENT BY MAKARIOS RE U. S. IN LONG TIME, NOT REPEAT
NOT CARRIED ON CYPRUS BROADCASTING CORPORATION
REPORTAGE; SEE REF FBIS. END COMMENT.)

6. ON ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE, MAKARIOS CITED HIS RECENT
TRIPS TO ARAB COUNTRIES AND DECLARED "A PREREQUISITE TO
LASTING PEACE IS THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM
ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED SINCE 1967 AND THE RESTORA-
TION OF THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE."
COMMENT: REMARK CONSISTENT WITH ARCHBISHOP'S PREVIOUS
DECLARATIONS ON THIS ISSUE. END COMMENT.
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